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Dear Senators:

This letter is being faxed today in regards to President Bush's nomination of Mr. Jeffrey Sutton for the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. Our office, Tanya Towers Treatment Apartments, a part of New York Society for the Deaf, an organization servicing Deaf and Deaf-Blind consumers around the New York City metropolitan area are very concerned on the impact that Mr. Sutton could have on our non-profit agency.

As shown in previous cases argued by Mr. Sutton, he has sided with numerous employers, agencies, and various other people who practice actions that violates the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Because our agency services Deaf and Deaf-Blind consumers, we are concerned that his opposition to the ADA would prevent the Deaf and Deaf-Blind consumers from receiving the services that they need and deserve.

Interpreting services, equal access, and discrimination protection are just three of the many rights that Deaf and Deaf-Blind consumers finally could utilize when the ADA was enacted. If the ADA is not enforced, which will surely happen if Mr. Sutton has his way, then many services and opportunities would be taken away from the qualified, intelligent and hard working people who happen to be Deaf and Deaf-Blind.

Please support the ADA and the Deaf and Deaf-Blind community by not voting on the appointment of Mr. Sutton to the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. We, as your constituents need our Senators to stand up for what we need, and we want our Senators to do the right thing.

Thank you for letting us voice our opinion, and if you have any questions or concerns about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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